

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 19, 1964

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

TEXT OF LETTERS EXCHANGED BY
THE PRESIDENT AND PIERRE SALINGER,
PRESS SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 19, 1964

Dear Pierre:

I accept your resignation -- but only with the greatest regret and with a reluctance that bows only to your strong personal desire to return to California.

You have served your country well in the past three years. I greatly appreciate the faithful and competent service you have given me since I became President. Your energy and talents have been indispensable, and they will be sorely missed.

I hate to see you go. I will always be grateful for the help and devotion you have shown me -- but above all, for your friendship.

Sincerely,

(s)

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Pierre Salinger
The White House

- - - - -

Dear Mr. President:

It is with sincere regret that I submit my resignation as White House Press Secretary. It has been a privilege which comes to few men to serve in this great office for over three years. I leave the office with sadness and with many warm recollections.

I have made this decision for personal reasons which I will explain to the public in the very near future.

I want to tell you what an honor it has been to serve you since that dark day in November when President Kennedy was killed. You have grasped the reins of government with a sure and firm hand and restored faith not only in our country but throughout the world in our constitutional system. I am confident that the country will continue to grow and prosper under your able leadership in the years to come and I hope that the opportunity will come at some future time to serve you and your Administration.

With my warm gratitude for your many and repeated kindnesses, I am

Sincerely,

(s)

Pierre Salinger

The President

The White House

Approved For Release 2000/04/14 : CIA-RDP75-00149R000400230033-0

Not referred to NSC - per NSC Waiver